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THE  
GOD-SHAPED  
HEART

# SESSION 1

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**ACTS 16 (30)** “...what must I do to be \_\_\_\_\_?”

**ACTS 16 (31)** “Put your \_\_\_\_\_ the Lord Jesus Christ...”

## IN THE BEGINNING

**1 JOHN 4 (8)** The person who does not love does not know God, because God is love. (NET)

**What would be the most loving, generous, wonderful thing such a God could do?**

Create beings able to \_\_\_\_\_ life on the level He himself experiences.

**GENESIS 1 (27)** (NET)

**COLOSSIANS 1 (16)** (NET)

True image-bearing beings would have to have the power of \_\_\_\_\_.

**What possible reasons might God have for wanting His image-bearing created beings to obey Him?**

**DEUTERONOMY 30 (19)** (NET)

**DEUTERONOMY 5 (29)** (NCV)

**What possible ways might God use to get His image-bearing beings to always live in obedience to His will and ways?**

**FORCE ~ FEAR ~ FAITH**

**Which of these would be the most satisfying for God and His image-bearers?**

**Can you now see why there is one, and only one, possible kind of relationship God would want with us and why there can only be ONE possible condition for salvation?**

**GOD'S BIG PLAN** is the development of an eternal \_\_\_\_\_  
of Christlike beings united in loving \_\_\_\_\_ to Christ and one another.

## WHAT IS THE BIGGEST PROBLEM IN THE UNIVERSE?

The biggest problem in the universe is \_\_\_\_\_ in God that produces \_\_\_\_\_ to His will.

**GENESIS 3** (2-5) (NET)

**GENESIS 3** (4) (MSG)

## HOW CAN TRUST BE RESTORED?

Trust can only be restored through God's willingness to patiently, consistently and gently \_\_\_\_\_ Himself and demonstrate His \_\_\_\_\_, as well as humans becoming convinced of sin's inevitable \_\_\_\_\_.

Real trust shows itself in the \_\_\_\_\_ of obedience.

**EPHESIANS 2** (8) (TLB)

**ROMANS 4** (3) (CJB)

**GENESIS 15** (6) (GNT)

**DEUTERONOMY 5** (29) (NCV)

**HEBREWS 11** (8-9, 11-12, 17-19) (NET)

**JAMES 2** (20-23) (NET)

**ROMANS** (1:5) (16:26) (NET)

**JOHN 3** (16, 36) (CJB)

**HEBREWS 5** (9) (GW)

**MATTHEW 7** (21) " (NET)



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# SESSION 2

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**ACTS 16** (30) “...**what must I do to be saved?**”

(31) “Put your trust in the Lord Jesus Christ and you ...will be saved...” (NLT)

**MATTHEW 1** (21) (NET)

**JOHN 8** (31-32) (NET)

**MATTHEW 28** (18-20) (NET)

**ACTS 9** (2) (NLT)

**ACTS 11** (26) (VOICE)

**JOHN 10** (27-28) (NET)

**ROMANS** (1:5) (16:26) (NET)

Put your trust in the Lord Jesus Christ and become His follower.

When I put my trust in Christ and become His follower,  
I enter into a never-ending, dynamic, transformational  
relationship with my Creator.

# THE 7 LEVELS OF MORAL DEVELOPMENT

**MATTHEW 22** (37-40) (NET)

**GALATIANS** (5:6) (6:9) (NET)

**EPHESIANS 4** (29) (NET)

**HEBREWS 10** (24) (NET)

1) Reward and Punishment

*don't think, don't understand, just do what the master says to avoid punishment  
gain or pain?*

2) Marketplace Exchange

*quid pro quo – you do something in exchange for something agreed upon  
what are you going to do for me?*

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*community consensus – right is deemed right by the approval of peers  
what's everybody else doing?*

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*codified system of rules - right is getting proper pay or reward for good work and  
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what are the rules?*

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*right is determined by doing what is in the best interest of others  
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*understanding the design protocols/principles on which life is constructed to  
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*Love for God and others + understands God's design protocols for life + chooses  
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**REVELATION 1 (8)** “I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, “who is, and who was, and who is to come, the Almighty.” (NIV)

**1 JOHN 4 (8)** The person who does not love does not know God, because God is love. (NET)

**GENESIS 1 (27)** God created humankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them, male and female he created them. (NET)

**ISAIAH 48 (17)** This is what the LORD says— your Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel: “I am the LORD your God, who teaches you what is good for you and leads you along the paths you should follow. (NLT)

**DEUTERONOMY 5 (29)** But I wish they would always have respect for me in their hearts. I wish they would always obey all my commands. Then things would go well with them and their children forever. (NIRV)

**WHAT MEANS COULD GOD USE TO GET HIS CREATED BEINGS TO OBEY?**

**Force, Fear, Faith/Trust**

**ACTS 16 (30)** (NLV)

**MATTHEW 28** (18-20) (NET)

**JOHN 8** (31-32) (NET)

**JOHN 10** (27-28) (NET)

**JOHN 3** (36) (CBJ)

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# THE 7 THEORIES OF ATONEMENT

- **Ransom Theory**

*One of the main doctrines in western Christian theology relating to the meaning and effect of the death of Jesus Christ. It originated in the early Church, particularly in the work of Origen of Alexandria ( c. 184 – c. 253), also known as Origen Adamantius, an early Church Father.*

*The theory teaches that the death of Christ was a ransom sacrifice, usually said to have been paid to Satan or to death itself, in some views paid to God the Father, in satisfaction for the bondage and debt on the souls of humanity as a result of inherited sin.*

- **Christus Victor Theory**

*Christus Victor is a book by Gustaf Aulén published in 1931, presenting a study of theories of atonement in [one form or another, [the Christus Victor] view seems to have dominated the atonement theology of the early church for the first millennium.*

*Christ, instead of satisfying an obligation to the devil, God or justice, overthrew the power death, sin, and the Devil (personalized forces in Christus Victor), since Jesus' subsequent resurrection breaks the dominion they once held over human life. Thus, God the Father and God the Son are not set at odds by the cross with the first in the role of Judge and the second in the role of sinner, but are united in seeking the downfall of the Devil's system of sin and death that enslaves humanity. This view reveals the unity within the Trinity's redemptive plan and the freedom of the forgiveness shown to us by God through Christ.*

- **Recapitulation Theory**

*A doctrine in Christian theology related to the meaning and effect of the death of Jesus Christ. It was first clearly formulated by Irenaeus of Lyons.130-202 AD. The heart of the recapitulation theory espoused by Irenaeus was : “Jesus became what we are so that we could become what He is.”*

*In the recapitulation view of the atonement, Christ is seen as the new Adam who succeeds where Adam failed. Christ undoes the wrong that Adam did and, because of his union with humanity, leads humankind on to eternal life (including moral perfection). Through man’s disobedience the process of the evolution of the human race went wrong, and the course of its wrongness could neither be halted nor reversed by any human means. But in Jesus Christ the whole course of human evolution was perfectly carried out and realised in obedience to the purpose of God.*

- **Satisfaction Theory**

*A theory in Christian theology that Jesus Christ suffered crucifixion as a substitute for human sin, satisfying God's just wrath against humankind's transgression due to Christ's infinite merit. Anselm of Canterbury / the word "satisfaction" does not mean gratification as in common usage, but rather "to make restitution": mending what has been broken, or paying back what was taken. Since one of God's characteristics is justice, affronts to that justice must be atoned for. It is thus connected with the legal concept of balancing out an injustice.*

*Anselm regarded his satisfaction view of the atonement as a distinct improvement over the older ransom theory of atonement, which he saw as inadequate. Anselm's theory was a precursor to the refinements of Thomas Aquinas and John Calvin, which introduced the idea of punishment to meet the demands of divine justice.*

- **Moral Influence Theory**

*Developed or most notably propagated by Abelard (1079-1142), as an alternative to Anselm's satisfaction theory of atonement. Abelard focused on changing man's perception of God as not offended, harsh, and judgmental, but as loving. According to Abelard, "Jesus died as the demonstration of God's love," a demonstration which can change the hearts and minds of the sinners, turning back to God.*

- **Penal Substitution Theory**

*It was developed during the Protestant Reformation of the 16th-century, being advocated by Martin Luther and Calvin.*

*The penal substitution theory teaches that Jesus suffered the exact punishment due to each sinner. Penal substitution derives from the idea that divine forgiveness must satisfy divine justice, that is, that God is not willing or able to simply forgive sin without first requiring a satisfaction for it. It states that God gave himself in the person of his Son, Jesus Christ, to suffer the death, punishment and curse due to fallen humanity as the penalty for our sin. The Father's wrath against sin had to be satisfied before He could forgive sin, so the Father's wrath was poured out on His Son instead of on us.*

- **Governmental Theory**

*Also known as the moral government theory, it teaches that Christ suffered for humanity so that God could forgive humans without punishing them while still maintaining divine justice. It is traditionally taught in Arminian circles that draw primarily from the works of Hugo Grotius ( 10 April 1583 – 28 August 1645).*

*The governmental theory holds that Christ's suffering was a real and meaningful substitute for the punishment humans deserve, but it did not consist of Christ's receiving the exact punishment due to sinful people. Instead, God publicly demonstrated his displeasure with sin through the suffering of his own sinless and obedient Son as a propitiation. Christ's suffering and death served as a substitute for the punishment humans might have received. On this basis, God is able to extend forgiveness while maintaining divine order, having demonstrated the seriousness of sin and thus allowing his wrath to "pass over. The governmental theory has been detailed by, among others, 19th-century Methodist theologian John Miley in his *Atonement in Christ and his Systematic Theology* and 20th-century Church of the Nazarene theologian J. Kenneth Grider in his 1994 book *A Wesleyan-Holiness Theology**

**TITUS 2** (14) (NET)

**1 PETER 2** (24) (CEV)

**1 PETER 3** (18) (NIRV)

**MATTHEW 1** (21) (NET)

**HEBREWS 2** (9, 14-15) (NET)

**HEBREWS 9** (26) (CJB) for then he would have had to suffer death many times — from the founding of the universe on. But as it is, he has appeared once at the end of the ages in order to do away with sin through the sacrifice of himself.

**HEBREWS 9** (26) (TPT) for that would mean he must suffer repeatedly ever since the fall of the world.<sup>[a]</sup> But now he has appeared at the fulfillment of the ages to abolish<sup>[b]</sup> sin once and for all by the sacrifice of himself!

**GALATIANS 1** (4) (NET)

**2 CORINTHIANS 5** (14-15) (NET)

# DYNAMIC RECONCILIATION THEORY

Christ's death on the cross provides a complete revelation of the sacrificial love and trustworthiness of God. It destroys Satan's attempt to slander the character of God and His motives to have His will done universally. It forever justifies His loving leadership and provides an unshakable basis for authentic universal trust in Him and love for Him to flourish.

It allows for God to express His forgiveness openly without any danger of motivating further sin, as well demonstrate the necessity of laws and justice in the universe. It deters evil in the strongest possible way by allowing us to see what it produces, contrasted with His sacrificial, forgiving love and goodness. This provides an authentic basis for beings with free will to be forever immunized from even the temptation to break trust with God and sin ever again.

It breaks the power of sin which is fueled by distrust of God and the fear of death. It reconciles men and angels in an everlasting devotion to God and good on the basis of eternally restored trust. It dispels all fear of God and His almighty power, even when He will use it to abolish evil forever.

In short, it reconciles all who can be reconciled to God and His will forever.

**COLOSSIANS 1** (19-20, and 22) (NLT)

**2 CORINTHIANS 5** (18-21) (NET)

**ROMANS 5** (10) (NET)

# SESSION 4

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## JUDGEMENT

**PSALM 9** (7) But the Lord rules forever. He sits on his throne to **judge**, (8) and he will **judge** the world in fairness; he will decide what is fair for the nations.

**PSALM 98** (9) Before the LORD, for He is coming to **judge** the earth; He will **judge** the world with righteousness and the peoples with equity.

**HEBREWS 9** (27) And inasmuch as it is appointed for men to die once and after this comes **judgment**,

**2 CORINTHIANS 5** (10) For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may be recompensed for his deeds in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad.

**ACTS 17** (31) because He has fixed a day in which He will **judge** the world in righteousness through a Man whom He has appointed, having furnished proof to all men by raising Him from the dead."

**JOHN 5** (22) "For not even the Father **judges** anyone, but He has given all **judgment** to the Son,

**ACTS 10** (42) "And He ordered us to preach to the people, and solemnly to testify that this is the One who has been appointed by God as **Judge** of the living and the dead.

**ROMANS 12** (19) 19 Do not avenge yourselves, dear friends, but give place to God's wrath, for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay," says the Lord.

**REVELATION 11** (18) "And the nations were enraged, and Your wrath came, and the time came for the dead to be **judged**, and the time to reward Your bond-servants the prophets and the saints and those who fear Your name, the small and the great, and to destroy those who destroy the earth."

**REVELATION 20** (11) Then I saw a great white throne and Him who sat upon it, from whose presence earth and heaven fled away, and no place was found for them. (12) And I saw the dead, the great and the small, standing before the throne, and books were opened; and another book was opened, which is the book of life; and the dead were **judged** from the things which were written in the books, according to their deeds. (13) And the sea gave up the dead which were in it, and death and Hades gave up the dead which were in them; and they were **judged**, every one of them according to their deeds.

## HELL / DESTRUCTION

**GENESIS 3** (3) - "It's only the fruit from the tree in the middle of the garden that we are not allowed to eat. God said, 'You must not eat it or even touch it; if you do, you will die.'"

**GENESIS 3** (22) - And the LORD God said, "The man has now become like one of us, knowing good and evil. He must not be allowed to reach out his hand and take also from the tree of life and eat, and live forever."

**PSALM 1** (6) For the LORD knows the way of the righteous, But the way of the wicked will perish.

**PSALM 37** (9) For evildoers will be cut off, But those who wait for the LORD, they will inherit the land. (10) Yet a little while and the wicked man will be no more; and you will look carefully for his place and he will not be there. (20) But the wicked will perish: Though the LORD's enemies are like the flowers of the field, they will be consumed, they will go up in smoke. (37) Mark the blameless man, and observe the upright; for the future of that man is peace, (38) But the transgressors shall be destroyed together, the future of the wicked will be cut off.

**PSALM 92** (7) - Though the wicked sprout like weeds and evildoers flourish, they will be destroyed forever.

**PSALM 94** (23) - He will repay them for their sins and destroy them for their wickedness; the LORD our God will destroy them.

**ISAIAH 10** (18) - The glory of his forest and of his fruitful land the Lord will destroy, both soul and body, and it will be as when a sick man wastes away.

**ISAIAH 13** (9) - For see, the day of the Lord is coming - the terrible day of his fury and fierce anger. The land will be made desolate, and all the sinners will be destroyed with it.

**MATTHEW 7** (13) "Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter through it. (14) But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life, and only a few find it.

**MATTHEW 10** (28) - Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather, be afraid of the One who can destroy both soul and body in hell.

**JOHN 3** (16) - For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

**ROMANS 6** (23) – For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

**PHILIPPIANS 1** (28) - without being frightened in any way by those who oppose you. This is a sign to them that they will be destroyed, but that you will be saved--and that by God.

**PHILIPPIANS 3** (19) – Their end is destruction, their god is their belly, and they glory in their shame, with minds set on earthly things.

**2 THESSALONIANS 1** (9) – They will be punished with everlasting destruction and shut out from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of his might.

**1 TIMOTHY 6** (15) “He who is blessed and only Potentate, the King of kings and the Lord of lords, (16) who alone has immortality...”

**JAMES 4** (12) – there is one Lawgiver, who is able to save and destroy.

**JAMES 5** (20) - ...he who turns a sinner from the error of his way will save a soul from death...

**REVELATION 20** (14) – Then death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. The lake of fire is the second death.

**REVELATION 21** (4) - “there will be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away”. (8) - But the cowardly, the unbelieving, the vile, the murderers, the sexually immoral, those who practice magic arts, the idolaters and all liars-- they will be consigned to the fiery lake of burning sulfur. This is the second death.”

3 verses that initially appear to speak of  
**HELL / DESTRUCTION**

The traditional understanding of hell as a place of eternal conscious torment rests entirely on a specific reading of just three scriptures:

**Matthew 25:46 / Revelations 14:9-11 / Revelation 20:10**

Every traditionalist, for example, has to reconcile Isaiah 66:24 with eternal torment. Taken literally, it cannot be referring to eternal torment because it is speaking of corpses. Many traditionalists outright admit that they are taking it as symbolic imagery meant to convey eternal torment.

Some would point to Revelation 14:9-11 as being equally or more difficult. However, this is only true if one is not aware of Isaiah 34:9-10. Revelation 14:9-11 doesn't actually say anyone is eternally tormented. Rather it is inferred that smoke rising forever means that the fire burns forever and thus everyone being burned is eternally tormented in an ever-burning fire. However, Isaiah 34:10 uses the idiom of smoke rising forever to speak of the destruction of a city, not of anyone or anything actually burning and producing smoke.

**MATTHEW 25:46**

"Then they will go away to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life."

## **REVELATION 20:10**

**(MOUNCE)** And the devil, the one who had deceived them, was thrown into the lake of fire and sulfur where both the beast and the false prophet are. · There they will suffer torment day and night for all time.

**(VOICE)** And the devil who had deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and sulfur, where the beast and the false prophet had already been thrown; and the unholy trio will be tortured day and night throughout the ages.

**(YLT)** and the Devil, who is leading them astray, was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where [are] the beast and the false prophet, and they shall be tormented day and night -- to the ages of the ages.

## **REVELATION 14**

**(YLT)** (9) And a third messenger did follow them, saying in a great voice, `If any one the beast doth bow before, and his image, and doth receive a mark upon his forehead, or upon his hand, (10) he also shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, that hath been mingled unmixed in the cup of His anger, and he shall be tormented in fire and brimstone before the holy messengers, and before the Lamb, (11) and the smoke of their torment doth go up to ages of ages; and they have no rest day and night, who are bowing before the beast and his image, also if any doth receive the mark of his name.

**(TPT)** (9) Then a third angel followed them, shouting with a mighty voice, “Whoever worships the wild beast and its image, and receives a mark on his forehead or on his hand, (10) will also drink the wine of God’s wrath. This wine has been poured out and mixed in the cup of his indignation. They will be tormented[b] with sulfur and fire in the presence of holy angels and of the Lamb. (11) And the smoke of their severe suffering ascends into ages upon ages. Those who worship the wild beast and its image and receive the mark of its name will have no rest day or night.”

**(DARBY)** (11) And the smoke of their torment goes up to ages of ages, and they have no respite day and night who do homage to the beast and to its image, and if any one receive the mark of its name.

## SESSION 6

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# HOMOSEXUALITY

**LEVITICUS 18** (2) You shall not lie with a male as with a woman; it is an abomination. (ESV)

**ROMANS 1** (26) Because of this, God gave them over to shameful lusts. Even their women exchanged natural sexual relations for unnatural ones. (27) In the same way the men also abandoned natural relations with women and were inflamed with lust for one another. Men committed shameful acts with other men, and received in themselves the due penalty for their error. (28) Furthermore, just as they did not think it worthwhile to retain the knowledge of God, so God gave them over to a depraved mind, so that they do what ought not to be done. (NIV)

**1 TIMOTHY 1** (8) We know that the law is good if one uses it properly. (9) We also know that the law is made not for the righteous but for lawbreakers and rebels, the ungodly and sinful, the unholy and irreligious, for those who kill their fathers or mothers, for murderers, (10) for the sexually immoral, for those practicing homosexuality, for slave traders and liars and perjurers—and for whatever else is contrary to the sound doctrine (11) that conforms to the gospel concerning the glory of the blessed God, which he entrusted to me. (NIV)

**1 CORINTHIANS 7** (2) But since sexual immorality is occurring, each man should have sexual relations with his own wife, and each woman with her own husband. (NIV)

**MARK 10** (6) “But at the beginning of creation God ‘made them male and female.’ (7) ‘For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, (8) and the two will become one flesh. ‘So they are no longer two, but one flesh. (9) Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate. (NIV)

**1 CORINTHIANS 6** (9) Or do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: neither the sexually immoral, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor men who practice homosexuality, nor thieves, nor the greedy, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God. (ESV)

**REVELATION 22** (15) Outside are the homosexuals, those involved with the occult and with drugs, the sexually immoral, murderers, idol-worshippers, and everyone who loves and practices falsehood. (CJB)

## G O D ’ S W R A T H

**Old Testament** / 499 times

- 448 are against His covenant people
- 51 are against people outside the covenant (pagans)
- 90% of God’s wrath is against his covenant people

**New Testament** / 42 times

### Definitions and Word Counts

- **Orgê** (noun, 29 times): this noun is the most common and the standard word for anger or wrath.
- **Orgizô** (verb, 3 times): it is related to orgê and means to become or get or be angry.
- **Aganakteô** (verb, 1 time): this means to be or become indignant.
- **Thumos** (noun, 8 times): this is often used of humans in very strong, often bad sense; it is used of God only as a synonym for orgê very few times or in the Revelation.

- **Prosochthizô** (verb, 2 times): this is to provoke or be provoked to anger

God's wrath is a logical expression of His love, taking the form of:

## Divine Disapproval

**EPHESIANS 5** (6) Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience. (ESV)

**EPHESIANS 2** (3) Among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind. (ESV)

## Divine Discipline

**HEBREWS 12** (5) And have you forgotten the exhortation that addresses you as sons? "My son, do not regard lightly the discipline of the Lord, nor be weary when reproved by him. (11) For the moment all discipline seems painful rather than pleasant, but later it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it. (NET)

**DEUTERONOMY 31** (17) Wherefore my wrath will wax hot against them at that day, and I will forsake them, and will hide my face from them: then they shall be consumed, and many adversities and tribulations shall come upon them: so then they will say, Are not these troubles come upon me, because God is not with me? (GNV)

**1 THESSALONIANS 2** (16) By hindering us from speaking to the Gentiles that they might be saved—so as always to fill up the measure of their sins. But God's wrath has come upon them at last! (ESV)

## Divine Disruption

**GENESIS 6: 1-8** (Flood)

**GENESIS 11: 1-9** (Tower of Babel)

**GENESIS 18: 20-21, 19: 15, 24-25** (Sodom & Gomorah)

## Divine Disengagement

**JOHN 3** (36) Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life; whoever does not obey the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God remains on him. (ESV)

**ROMANS 5** (9) Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. (ESV)

**ROMANS 1** (18) For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who by their unrighteousness suppress the truth. (21) For although they knew God, they did not honor him as God or give thanks to him, but they became futile in their thinking, and their foolish hearts were darkened. (24) Therefore God gave them up in the lusts of their hearts to impurity, to the dishonoring of their bodies among themselves, (25) because they exchanged the truth about God for a lie and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever! Amen. (26) For this reason God gave them up to dishonorable passions. For their women exchanged natural relations for those that are contrary to nature; (27) and the men likewise gave up natural relations with women and were consumed with passion for one another, men committing shameless acts with men and receiving in themselves the due penalty for their error. (28) And since they did not see fit to acknowledge God, God gave them up to a debased mind to do what ought not to be done. (ESV)

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**ROMANS 2** (5) But because of your hard and impenitent heart you are storing up wrath for yourself on the day of wrath when God's righteous judgment will be revealed. (ESV)

**ROMANS 5** (9) Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. (ESV)

**1 THESSALONIANS 5** (9) For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, (ESV)

**COLOSSIANS 3** (6) On account of these the wrath of God is coming. (ESV)

**ROMANS 12** (19) Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." (ESV)

**REVELATION 6** (17) For the great day of their wrath has come, and who can stand. (ESV)

**REVELATION 19** (15) From his mouth comes a sharp sword with which to strike down the nations, and he will rule them with a rod of iron. He will tread the winepress of the fury of the wrath of God the Almighty. (ESV)

**ISAIAH 13** (9) See, the day of the LORD is coming —a cruel day, with wrath and fierce anger—to make the land desolate and destroy the sinners within it. (11) I will punish the world for its evil, the wicked for their sins. I will put an end to the arrogance of the haughty and will humble the pride of the ruthless. (12) I will make people scarcer than pure gold, more rare than the gold of Ophir. (13) Therefore I will make the heavens tremble; and the earth will shake from its place at the wrath of the LORD Almighty, in the day of his burning anger. (NIV)